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"COUNT" VONSIATSKY STILL AT LARGE

The Hour Reviews Charges Made to Department of Labor
One Year Ago -- Submits Proof of the "Count's" Par-
ticipation in Torture-Killings to New Department of
FBI and to Attorney General

In a letter to Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, The Hour today stated that one year has elapsed since it submitted proof to the immigration division of the Department of Labor that "Count" Anastase Vonsiatsky, the notorious fascist now residing at Thompson, Connecticut, participated in torture-killings before coming to this country and securing U. S. citizenship papers. The Hour added that, in spite of the conclusiveness of the evidence it submitted, and in spite of the offense of Vonsiatsky's having concealed from the immigration authorities his part in the illegal executions, he at present remains free to pursue Fifth Column activities in the United States.

The Hour urged that, in view of the "Count's" record before he came to this country and his anti-democratic role since becoming a citizen, an immediate investigation of Vonsiatsky be undertaken by the recently incorporated Immigration Department of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Hour referred to this department copies of the documents previously turned over to the Department of Labor.

Accusations Against Vonsiatsky

The letter to the Attorney General made the following specific charges against Anastase Vonsiatsky:

"1) That in 1918, at Yalta, Russia, in a group of self-styled extra-legal 'avengers' he participated in a series of torture-killings; that in 1921, in an article appearing in Posledniya Novosti, he described in gruesome detail these executions; that in 1939, when representatives of The Hour confronted him with the documentary

proof of his confession, he admitted the authenticity of the documents and said that if he had the opportunity he would commit the killings again.

"2) That in 1927 when he applied for his U. S. citizenship papers, he failed to acquaint the immigration authorities with his participation in these previous killings.

"3) That since becoming a citizen of the United States he has published and distributed Nazi-Fascist propaganda; has edited a Russian-language magazine openly entitled The Fascist; has consorted with agents of foreign fascist countries; has provided military training for uniformed young men at his estate in Connecticut; has established an arsenal of guns on this estate; and has conducted himself in a manner generally incompatible with the interests of American democracy."

Background of the Case

It was on July 30, 1939, that The Hour originally announced its startling discovery of "Count" Anastase Vonsiatsky's confession to his share in torturing to death a number of individuals. At the time, this publication quoted passages from a diary of Vonsiatsky, in which he vividly described how he and some of his friends kidnapped various individuals, carried them to a deserted villa and there brutally tortured and killed their victims.

In a consequent issue, The Hour established the close relationship between Vonsiatsky and Bund leader Fritz Kuhn; the links between the "Count" and other Fifth Column agents -- Japanese, German and Italian; the contacts this former White Russian maintained with international fascist forces; the part he was playing in the United States in the spreading of anti-Semitic, anti-democratic propaganda and the furtherance of the Nazi ideology. The Hour also pointed out that in conducting his fascist activities in this country, "Count" Vonsiatsky had at his disposal immense wealth -- the fortune of his wife, the former Mrs. Marion Ream Stephens, who inherited one-sixth of the \$40,000,000 Ream estate of Chicago.

All the foregoing facts were then placed in the hands of the proper authorities in Washington. Nevertheless, "Count" Anastase Vonsiatsky to this day continues to do as he pleases, to carry on such fascistic enterprises as he sees fit and, in his more leisurely moments, to entertain his "friends" on the private golf course of his sumptuous estate in Thompson, Connecticut.

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FASCISTIC EFFORT BEHIND "CONSTITUTIONAL" SCREEN

Kamp's Anti-Semitic Literature Distributed
by McWilliams -- Other Ramifications of
"Educational League"

The Fifth Column in Washington is being distributed and sold among other fascistic and anti-Semitic pamphlets at the New York meetings of Joe McWilliams' pro-Hitler organization, the Christian Mobilizers. The recently published booklet attacking the United States Government is being hawked in the same breath with the forged Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion and Father Coughlin's Social Justice. This is the booklet an advertisement of which was accepted by the New York weekly magazine Cue and run on Page 6 of its issue for July 27 (see The Hour for August 3). A most cursory glance at the booklet would have convinced Cue's advertising managers of its anti-Semitic nature.

Roll Call of Kamp's Pals

The booklet in question was published by the so-called "Constitutional Educational League, Inc.," which maintains its national offices in New Haven, Conn., its New York headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, and its Midwestern branch at Madison, Wis. Formed in 1919, it has been for years headed by a certain Joseph P. Kamp, who claims to be an influential member of the Democratic Party but is actually known for his fascistic activities. Thus, on December 16, 1938, he was one of the sponsors of the retired Major General George Van Horn Moseley when the latter delivered his anti-Semitic and anti-Government speech at the Hotel Biltmore in New York. Other sponsors of the would-be "man on horseback" were Allen Zoll, who led the Coughlinite picketing of the radio station WMCA and was later indicted as a black-mailer, and John E. Kelley, notorious Jersey City fascist who has spoken before the Nazi German-American Bund, Christian Front and other organizations of the same type. On May 24, 1939, Kamp was one of the sponsors of the so-called "Pro-American Mass Meeting," which was addressed by Kelley and McWilliams. Among the sponsors of that meeting, the Christian Front held a prominent place.

Until 1937 Kamp was executive editor and publisher of the fascist magazine, Awakener. On that publication one of the staff writers was Lawrence Dennis, author of The Coming American Fascism who openly calls himself a fascist and has also written for Dr. Frederick Auhagen's Nazi Today's Challenge. When Kamp's magazine discontinued publication, a letter from Kamp to one of his followers revealed that the work would be carried on by the Constitutional Educational League.

Anti-Labor and Anti-Semitic

Violent anti-labor propaganda is another speciality of Kamp's. He and his League issued a series of pamphlets attacking the CIO in vicious terms.

Distribution of anti-Semitic literature in this country has been among Kamp's outstanding activities. His main efforts were at one time con-



centrated on the forged "Benjamin Franklin" letter; in this connection, he cooperated with William Dudley Pelley of the Silver Shirts. Kamp has also distributed numerous copies of a pamphlet entitled Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?

Kamp and his work have been praised by James True, the super-annuated head of the fascistic Industrial Control Reports of Washington, D. C. Kamp's publications have been sold or distributed with unabating enthusiasm by such pro-Hitlerites in America as Allen Zoll of the American Patriots, Inc.; John Cecil of the National Conference Board; John B. Snow of the League for Constitutional Government; and others of the ilk. The Reverend Edward L. Curran, Coughlin's friend in Brooklyn, is an intimate associate of Kamp's. So is Patrick Scanlon, editor of the Coughlinite Brooklyn Tablet.

The Hour learns that Kamp is supremely sure that his anti-Semitic and pro-Hitlerite work remains a secret between him and his close associates. Accordingly, not so long ago he had the audacity to approach certain wealthy Jews for financial contributions "to support the League's pro-Constitutional work." The individuals approached were indeed at first impressed with Kamp's "pure" anti-Roosevelt and anti-CIO stand, but were alarmed on detecting the other features of his work. Kamp got no money -- not in those quarters, at any rate.

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WHITE SHIRTS' COMMANDER THINKS IT'S TIME TO ACT

George W. Christians of Chattanooga,
Tenn., in a New and Unique Campaign

To his friends in Tennessee and other states George W. Christians, commander of the Crusader White Shirts, has expressed his satisfaction with the recent acquittal of the Christian Fronters in Brooklyn, New York, of charges of plotting to overthrow the United States Government. He says that the acquittal and other late events have more than ever convinced him of the necessity of direct action. The gaudily uniformed George, sitting in his Chattanooga office and occasionally making trips, devotes most of his time to writing to, and calling upon, many another fascist leader and organization in this country. Doing very little to promote his own White Shirts, he prods the other chieftains to less propaganda and more action. "Why don't you do something?" is the constant refrain of his pleas and entreaties.

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NAZI-CONTROLLED DEEDS TO U. S. REAL ESTATE

The Nazis prefer to control even the deeds to the houses from which they carry on their propaganda and other activities in this country. An interesting example is the ownership of a house at 233 Post Street, San Francisco, which is the headquarters for the Hamburg-American Line and North German Lloyd offices, the German Railway office, and a branch of the Nazi-controlled Fortra, Inc. This house is owned by two American women married to Germans and still residing in Hitler's Reich.

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